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## MONTANA TRIBAL NEWS:

### COUNCILWOMAN BIGHORN LEAVING

Bonnie Red Elk

In her own words, the last 2 years have been a time of ups and downs for Roxanne Bighorn, one of two females elected to the 15-person Tribal Executive Board for the 2005-07 term that is now resigning from her position on August 1, 2007.

### ACLU INTERVENES IN CROW VOTER FRAUD LAWSUIT

By The Associated Press

The American Civil Liberties Union wants to intervene on behalf of Crow tribal members in a federal voting-rights lawsuit that alleges fraud and discrimination during last November's election on the Crow Indian Reservation.

### HEALING PROGRAM DESTINED FOR TRIBAL COMMUNITIES

By JODI RAVE

Reporter's notebook

MISSOULA - Don Coyhis can feel the electricity building, growing daily with a healing energy that will one day burst upon American Indian communities.

### BRIEF HIGHWAY 2 CLOSURE FRUSTRATES EAST GLACIER BUSINESSES, TOURISTS

By JO DEE BLACK

Tribune Staff Writer

EAST GLACIER PARK – Tourists are still driving business in this small town on the eastern edge of Glacier National Park, in spite of the Skyland wildfire burning in the area.

### MONTANA HISTORY ALMANAC - RED CLOUD CELEBRATED AS U.S. LEFT FORT SMITH

By KIM BRIGGEMAN of the Missoulian

July 29, 1868

As Ogalala Sioux war chief Red Cloud watched from a distance, U.S. soldiers packed up and left Fort C.F. Smith, beginning the abandonment of military posts along the Bozeman Trail.

Early the next day, Red Cloud and his warriors swooped down on the fort and burned it in celebration. For two years they'd resisted construction of Fort Smith and two other posts designed to guard the shortcut established by John Bozeman from the Powder River to the Montana gold fields. Fort Smith was the northernmost of the three and the only one in Montana Territory.

### POWWOWS GIVE TRUE TRIBUTES TO NATIVE VETERANS

By JODI RAVE of the Missoulian

GRAND RONDE, Ore. - Gilbert Towner rested under the shade of a tree while a cool ocean breeze rustled a field of 500 U.S. flags at the Confederated Tribes of the Grande Ronde Veterans Powwow.

The 78-year-old Marine, who lives in Lapwai, Idaho, served as the head man dancer at this summer's powwow on the Grand Ronde Reservation. "I'm not doing too good a job," he said. "It's too hard on me. My legs are all shot up."